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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Ebner et al.

Attorney Docket No.: PT049P1

Application No.: 09/941,831

Art Unit: 1635

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Examiner: Whiteman, B.

Title: Serine/Threonine Phosphatase Polynucleotides, Polypeptides, and Antibodies

OFFICIAL**PROVISIONAL ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143 WITH TRAVERSE AND
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2003, please consider the following amendments, traversal, provisional election, and remarks. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments prior to examination of the captioned application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Fee Transmittal Sheet with appropriate fee; and (b) a Petition for an Extension of Time for three months to and including November 17, 2003 (November 16, 2003 being a Sunday; *see* 35 U.S.C. § 21).

Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendments: